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## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Do it!

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This recommendation does not actually do anything to solve the problem it is trying to address. The number of tags available does is not the bottleneck that prevents elk from being harvested on private lands. Hunter access to these lands is the real problem here. This A9 tag will just be more wasted paper since those who buy it won't actually get to use it - there's already plenty of Elk Cow B tags that don't get used because hunters have no way of harvesting those animals on private lands.

This recommendation states "Landowners will not accept this level of elk damage and financial loss.", but does not mention that there are already a multitude of option that those same landowners have to mitigate these losses and damage - THEY JUST DON'T USE THEM. Address this problem, don't pretend another "private land only" tag will change anything.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Dean Bruce

City/Town **Ekalaka** 

State/Province MT

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Glad to hear that FWP is supposed to keep regulations simple and understandable . . . but we haven't seen that yet.

It SOUNDS like a good idea . . . but there is no comment on the cost, nor just "where" all these extra elk abound. My guess is that it would be the backside of nowhere, and that like now, too many landowners will decline to participate.

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Q1

Contact info (optional)

State/Province MT

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

As a Montana resident hunter I do not agree with the recommendation to create A9 tag bundle. This is just confusing and the desired outcome could be done simpler. Such as with more OTC elk b licenses, or just offering a private land only elk b license for a discounted price. This current proposal is just too confusing and will create more heartache for FWP and the public.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Who needs to shoot 2 or 3 elk if other hunters are limited by doing so? Did it really work in the past?

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I do not support this recommendation. There already is a solution for over objective areas with OTC Elk B tags valid on private lands. It's a problem of access. It appears this would limit the number of hunters landowners are willing to provide access, and limiting opportunity to hunters.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I am opposed. A step in the wrong direction. It won't simplify the regulations in will only needlessly complicate them.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Just another proposal that will be a useless failure in solving the problem. What is really different in this than what you have tried over the past years?

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Great idea if you can open up the access to private land. I'm assuming you are going to have late cow elk seasons too?

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Joshua Koffler

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

The ability to acquire a tag is not my issue, it is the access to land where the elk are. When the elk are on land that is not accessible to the general public it doesn't matter what tags are available.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

Contact info (optional)

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Not a bad idea however most people won't just go hunt cows. They will apply for the bundle but when they get their 2-5 days to go hunting they will go where they have an opportunity at a bull. As stated in the FWP Staff assessment current cow tags are very liberal with very little success. If you stop restricting the bull opportunities in these over objective units with the addition of these tags and you will really get something done. The problem is everyone is emotionally wrapped up in preserving traditional trophy units. Maybe if you turned those into either sex general units the population could be reduced to a healthy level and then move back to a special permit process. You really need to throw out the choose your weapon alternative, and provide more opportunity.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Troy Hedden

City/Town Helena

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Another poor idea. The FWP really needs to take a hard look at the way their Elk populations are calculated. I've been hunting this state for almost 40 years and there is no way there is more elk than there was 30 years ago. I firmly believe that the increase in large predators, specifically wolves, has had a dramatic affect on how elk populations behave. The formula's developed in the absence of wolves for calculating number during winter fly-over counts no longer work. Now days when you fly winter range and count 1000 elk that is all there is! The old multipliers used to determine numbers based on observed vs. unobserved don't work. Every year since the inception of the "Shoulder Seasons" I have seen elk number rapidly decease in the areas i hunt.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Lolo
State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Stop shooting the cow elk we. Don't have any elk on public land because the landowner don't let peopl

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name John T. Kloote

City/Town Bonner

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Email Address dmt85@blackfoot.net

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

In no was should a private land owner have tags they can sell at any price!!! If they allowed public hunting on their property, they wouldn't have the elk there, and over population is a term used by them, Private land owners to push this BS through. Thewre is no over populated area's anywhere in the state.

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## Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Justin Dalby

City/Town Livingston

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Access is the issue, not tags

Many elk hunters, including myself, would shoot a cow elk on opening day with a general tag. 17 years of asking, I have yet to find a landowner who will allow it, so I hunt public land.

Creating more tags may just cause more frustration for people, thinking that there are landowners willing to allow hunters to shoot cow elk.

I think this is a waste of time an resources. Put this energy towards access to private ground for these landowners that say they want less elk.

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## Page 1

## Q1

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Good idea

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name John Daggett

City/Town Glasgow

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I am against this as it creates a slaughter management philosiphy that will be abused.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

It sounds ok, but not sure how other sportsman will react

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Helena
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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Sounds good, but not sure of logistics.

I would be in favor of it as I have a large family and if just one of my sons got this bundle we would have meat for the winter in one day if successful hunting.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Thomas McGary

City/Town Columbia Falls

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support this if the landowner themselves only can get 1 tag. If the public is allowed to buy the tag OTC or though a draw then maybe the land owners will allow more of the public to access their land. This should not be a bull tag for anyone involved since populations are controlled by cow harvest.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Billings

State/Province MT

Email Address fuhrmann62@yahoo.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This is a good idea, but what happens is friends of the land owner will be the only ones to hunt there.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Stevensville

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support the use of A9 tag bundle in elk districts that are over quota objectives.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I do not need three tags, just one. I strive for one cow annually as food. Making private land where elk harbor should be the objective, and this objective conflicts with objective #1 as it would increase the amount of time landowners are burdened with hunter contacts.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I believe you need to change objective levels in certain over objective areas, before we worry about anything else, 3 cows on one tag seams a bit crazy as I feel there will be a lot of waisted animals

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Janet Rice

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Bad idea. 3 elk to one hunter on private land. Good luck getting permission. Ranchers tend to give access now to local hunters. Less hunters will have access and meat will be wasted. How many elk can one family eat. Especially if they have 2 or 3 hunters in the family.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Steven Koenes

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This is a good idea. But they need to work out dates. I get 2 cow tags that I use during the shoulder season if I'm not successful during general. Most of the ranches I have talked to outfit where there are elk so only let you on for cows after the season ends. There needs to

Be more opportunities for private land during archery and general seasons.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Seth Kimrey

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Makes an already confusing system more confusing. If the ultimate goal is reducing elk on private land due to crop damage, possibly consider a system similar to one in Alaska for road-killed moose. People get placed on a waiting list, when a moose is killed the next name on the list is called to pick up the dead moose.

Implement a system where landowners apply for degradation tags, but agree to open their land to residents to harvest the overpopulated elk. Develop a list of residents (using whatever criteria you need to) that apply for the tags and are called when landowners request/open their land. If the picked person cannot arrive within a set time period, the tag goes to the next person in line. Landowners are allotted a set amount of tags for their own use, but the majority go to residents who can respond within say 24 hours to the area and begin hunting. Implement a cost-share program where part of the tag costs goes to the landowner (or use another funding source) for opening their land. Implement a check-in/out requirement in person for landowners if feasible.

If FWP called me in Oct-Jan with an opportunity to harvest at least one cow elk and all I needed to do was pay for the tag, drive to wherever the private land is, introduce myself to the landowner (along with my kids because they would be coming too) and get to hunting, I would pay significantly more than what the current tag prices are and would use vacation or sick leave to accomplish this.

There are a lot of additional details that would need to be hashed out, but I think this would simplify the licenses and provide an opportunity to decrease elk numbers and reduce crop degradation on private land. Put your name on a list, pay the tag price up front, and wait for your phone call and directions on where to hunt.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Sean Hoernke

City/Town Montgomery

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I agree with this only if these tags cannot be sold off to the highest bidder so the landowner becomes an outfitter. These need to be held by the landowner and come with a premium price tag to generate revenue. If elk are a true problem with the landowner then he/she will be willing to pay a price to remove them.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Opposed.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Florence

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support this A9 tag bundle as long as the tags are not allowed to be used on any public lands. I think this would be a great tool for ranchers and outfitters to be able to get their clients tags for private land cow hunting opportunity's. Robert Hanneman

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Rebecca Danforth

City/Town Livingston

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This should be a draw from a preferred group of individuals (one montana or similar). This just creates additional tags for rich landowners to get tags for "friends" but not Montanans.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Butte
State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Yes we do have a elk problem on private land but

We already sell enough elk tags allow hunting on private land block management is the answer but only harvest cow elk not bull elk until numbers are lowered

We already have the longest elk season august 15 thru February 15 this is wrong

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Darwin h reynolds

City/Town Buffalo
State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

First may I say that I am a land owner that is affected by a large herd of elk. We control impact by these elk by allowing public hunting which effectively moves the herds off of our land. While I would support the bundle approach I do think that a better approach to redistributing elk to public lands would be to allow antlered hunting of elk on public land only. This would get rid of hoarding elk for dollars which is the main over population issue.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Randall Knowles

City/Town Great Falls

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Create a A9 Tag Bundle

How many reading this have harvested more than 1 elk in a season? I have harvested 2 elk in 1 day and 6 deer in one day. That is a LOT of work ... If it were easier to drop off an animal at a processing plant and have the meat donated to a food bank, I think, perhaps, more hunters might consider harvesting more than 1 animal. The only reason I am buying a 3rd tag for 2022 is because I want to be an example of a sportsman aka "a Killer" who is doing his part to help with an "over objective" population of elk. I am 72 years young...

You cannot reduce the size of a herd unless you adopt a bull/cow ratio of 15 or less. If the goal is to harvest bigger bulls than, statistically, you have to accept larger herd sizes; the data does not lie. Bull/cow ratios of 20-50 require a herd size of about 3000 and probably closer to 4000.

The data shows that those areas with bull/cow ratios of 5 - 15/100 and more than 50% of the land has unlimited accessibility contain elk herd sizes very close to the Private land owner tolerance level.

Montana already has a BUNDLE program, you just have to click the computer screen 2 times and be lucky for the 3rd tag. We need to know how may harvest 2 elk before we create another mystery on the hunting license web site.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name James J Conner

City/Town Townsend

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I do not support this proposal. Currently, additional elk B tags are available. Bundling three elk tags is unnecessary and would only lead to those already successful hunters harvesting more elk. 10% of hunters kill 90% of elk.....

Additionally, it is confusing. Over the counter B tags would be a better option. Who really needs to have 3 additional cow elk each? I also don't agree with the assessment of "over objective". Is it over objective to the landowner or the carrying capacity of the landscape? If the landowners have too many elk, then they need to let more people access their land to hunt. Additional tags would only benefit the landowner and his few friends and family they let hunt their land and not the vast majority of Montanans.

I own land in Montana and do not agree that the elk are over objective.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This method of reducing elk on private property is not going to be effective. All this will do is give the private landowner and his buddies a few more tags in their pocket. Give out all the tags you want, but if people can't access the animals it is pointless.

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## Page 1

## Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

It could be a very good idea.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

No

Seems like it would over complicate things and requiring legislative action is always going make things harder.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Why would you issue a tag that you can't use. I just spent 5 days in area 410. I have a cow tag. I saw hundreds of elk but not one cow on land I could access and only 5 bulls on land I could hunt.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Carl Mehmke

City/Town Great falls

State/Province MT

Email Address skidoomehmke@aol.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Nothing wrong with the overall idea of this proposal. You have to solve the private landowner issue of allowing access first. Solve that problem by developing trust, communication and relationships between landowners and hunters and this proposal would be a success.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This seems feasible, but the reality is that it still hinges on landowners allowing access. All the tags available are of no value without access.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Silver Star

State/Province MT

Email Address wapitirunner@yahoo.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I oppose this proposal as it could result in the further monetization of hunting opportunities in the state.

## COMPLETE

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Samuel T Koeshall

City/Town Bozeman

State/Province MT

Email Address skoeshal@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support this. However, it seems that the burden still relies upon the hunter to facilitate permission, which can be difficult to nearly impossible with "new-age" landowners not allowing access or landowners that are busy with livestock operations during hunting season. Would be great to pair this with some sort of access program that details "partner ranches and farms" for each hunt unit that would allow public hunting of cow elk. Could incentivize landowners to participate with a fee-schedule that (similar to BMA maybe) that rewards landowners for each hunter given access

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Butte
State/Province MT

Email Address scottiejames12@hotmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I believe it's a good idea in theory however it would be difficult to manage at the same time. Something needs to be done to allow hunters access to private land to hunt and redistribute game. I believe a tag you can put in for would allow for private land cow tags would provide the average hunter to have the best opportunity to kill an elk for that year.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name douglas e moltzan

City/Town GREAT FALLS

State/Province MT

Email Address douglas.moltzan@yahoo.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

if land owner would allow more access this might work but sounds to me like a new good old boys club is trying to dictate overfwp science facts

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Carl Anderson

City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

Email Address sasa5@live.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I think it's a bad idea. Listen to the concerns FWP staff has given. The problem is not access to tags/permits. The problem is access to private land. It would be interesting to know how much inaccessible private land is owned by absentee landowners.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Thomas Frandsen

City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

Email Address thomasdfrandsen@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I disagree with the creation of an A9 tag bundle. It creates a dangerous precedent to allow more and more elk to be harvested and especially only on private land. This could be changed in the future easily to be an outfitter type opportunity with landowners selling access for the ability to shoot multiple elk on their property.

When it comes to elk being over objective in a district, we don't have an elk problem. We have a neighbor problem. Some landowners allow access and others don't. You could have 5 or 10 cow tags/hunter but it won't change the neighbor problems. You have to address the access the problems first and foremost.

Lastly, I argue by having multiple cow tags, it may promote unethical shots on elk as after the elk start running after the first shot is fired, hunters will be so excited to get a second or third elk, they will be taking unethical running shots at elk. This is a terrible idea for multiple reasons.

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Jared Weaver

City/Town East Helena

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

As noted in the staff assessment, this proposal doesn't seem to do anything more than what is currently in place except limit the hunter to then only be able to take 3 cows and no elk on a general license. This was obviously not thought out well in regard to statutes currently in place and would require legislative action to change, which is not ideal. I question still the elk objectives. In the region meetings objectives were discussed with feedback provided on population estimates and if objectives should be changed. I did not see any mention of how objectives are going to be changed moving forward, that would dictate how may cow tags should be issued in these areas. My opinion is what was once considered over objective is no loner the case, the objectives need to be evaluated and changed. Many landowners seem much more tolerant to elk than they were in the past. In the HD I hunt, I noted to the biologist in a meeting that the population is way down from where it was but yet we are still way over objective. From everything I observe the objectives are not taking into consideration the amount of available forage and carrying capacity of the land which has also changed drastically in the past 15 years. There is plenty of forage available in the HD I hunt on both public and private lands. Please address the population objective initiatives and how they will be handled going forward instead of coming up with ways to slaughter more cows.

## COMPLETE

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Timothy Wiediger

City/Town Hamilton

State/Province MT

Email Address shedhuntin@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This sounds like a great idea on the surface and it would be great if you could get access. Probably being getting in contact with land owners. So my idea is have the landowners that are having issues register online. So getting in contact with them would be a lot easier and a hunter would know they are open to giving people permission to hunt. I know a lot of people that won't ask because they have had or are afraid of having a bad experience with a land owner.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

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City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

Email Address kevin@backcountryhunters.org

#### Recommendation #4: Create A9 Tag Bundle

#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Dear FWP and the Elk Management Citizen Advisory Group -

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your 'Create an A9 Tag Bundle' proposal.

The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers supports new and innovative ways to reduce conflicts with problematic elk on private lands. That said, adding tags to over-objective districts has mostly proven to be ineffective.

To increase effectiveness, we suggest acquiring permissions from groups of connecting landowners, or very large private acreage, prior to implementation. Without participation and buy-in from the private landowners, these licenses will just increase pressure on publicly accessible private lands rather than the private lands that are experiencing elk distribution issues. To increase harvest to elk in overpopulated districts, you only need to access them or move them to where they can be accessed.

Additionally, we're concerned with the optics of a three-elk bundle. Processing three elk at once before they spoil (or your own back gives out!) seems unreasonable. If anything, we encourage this to be a two-elk bundle and brand it as a 'combo' license since that verbiage is already used and more likely to be accepted. That said, this entire proposal seems unnecessary and overcomplicated when B tags are already so readily available, and the real issue isn't how many tags hunters have in their pockets but rather access to inaccessible elk.

Finally, we encourage the advisory group to look at other solutions like giving limited-entry either-sex permit holders an automatic 2nd cow-only license in areas that are substantially over objective. Doing this while concurrently cutting the number of available B licenses for that district could increase harvest where it's needed without increasing undue public lands pressure. FWP has done (and still does in a few places) this for antelope by giving B tags to A tag holders; why not with elk?

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your 'Create an A9 Tag Bundle' proposal. We appreciate your careful consideration.

-The Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Richard Hoffman

City/Town FLORENCE

State/Province MT

Email Address montana@hoffman.ph

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I don't think the bundle is a sure thing to get elk off of private lands. You first need to find a way to get on the private land to hunt. It's tough to get access in this state to hunt private. Most folks only need one elk to fill the freezer per year anyway.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Jeff Bartos

City/Town Helena

State/Province MT

Email Address jbartos322@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This recommendations does nothing to improve access to private lands. I do not support it, and it seems to be a complicated bureaucratic "attempt" to solve the problem of limited public access to private land which hold elk in areas over population.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Nathan Olson

City/Town MT - Missoula

State/Province MT

Email Address woodlawn@outlook.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I am skeptical of the need to reduce elk numbers to the extent that the current politically generated goal numbers set forth. Just extend greater permission on general elk season unused tags in certain areas or districts if further elk number reduction is needed and don't make another tag system. Half the time FWP is trying to make the regulation book smaller, and half the time you are making it more complicated. Bad idea in general

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## Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Keegan Shea

City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

My only comment on the A9 bundle is that it seems more equitable to incentivize landowners to allow more access rather than giving the people with access more tags. I will probably never buy an A9 bundle because I can't seem to ever get a "yes" from a landowner, and not for lack of trying. I worry this will just be another handout to the propertied class and their friends.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Jimmy Johnson

City/Town ALBERTON

State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This is all good for the land onwer but not for many HUNTERS, and looks to futher reduice the number whitch are low already.

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Marty J

City/Town Missoula

State/Province MT

Email Address judnich@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I'm in support of this. Since this significantly benefits the landowners, I think the cost of this tag should be reduced and low.

#### COMPLETE

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Contact info (optional)

#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

To increase effectiveness, we suggest acquiring permissions from groups of connecting landowners, or very large private acreage, prior to implementation. Without participation and buy-in from the private landowners, these licenses will just increase pressure on publicly accessible private lands rather than the private lands that are experiencing elk distribution issues. To increase harvest to elk in overpopulated districts, you only need to access them or move them to where they can be accessed.

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## Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Michael D Faw

City/Town Dillon
State/Province MT

Email Address mikefaw@earthlink.net

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

THis is a good idea, but the problem is finding private ground that will let you hunt elk, even a cow. I have applied for the damage elk hunter rosters and this seems to go no where. I get eamils but never calls to action to come get an elk that is eating ranch grasses or hay in winter. I am not trophy bull hunting, and like many Montana hunters, the meat is very welcome. So where are the ranches with problems and how do you hunt there?

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Micheal Hancock

City/Town Anaconda

State/Province MT

Email Address troutslayersmt@yahoo.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Why would you give three elk tags to one individual? Leave it at two and limit the hunts to resident hunters only, this will improve communications between land owners and local hunters, a win for both.

## COMPLETE

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Contact info (optional)

Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Incentivize private landowners to get more hunters onto their property to decrease elk numbers.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

City/Town Glendive

State/Province MT

Email Address russ61hi@yahoo.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Tags don't matter if a hunter can't get access. I sent eighty-five postcards this summer asking permission to hunt cow elk in Region 4 and 5. I received six positive responses. Seems a little low if the elk are "over objective" and "Landowners will not accept this level of elk damage and financial loss."

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name BILL HILL

City/Town anaconda

State/Province MT

Email Address GOUSCGOUSC@MSN.COM

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

As a 75 year old Montana resident and hunter the A9 bundle tag is a slap in the face for Montana Sportsman. The mfwp is now run by the landowners not the mfwp. Its sad

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Blain Bermingham

City/Town Helena

State/Province MT

Email Address blain.bermingham@kone.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support "Create A9 Tag Bundle"

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Pete Blair

City/Town East helena

State/Province MT

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Most people that hunt private are hunting block management not the private that is holding large herds of elk. Also if people have 3 tags they are going to try to shoot multiple elk out of the herd and that usually means unethical shots, more wounded elk and more legal action. I am against it

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

City/Town Clacny

State/Province MT

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Seems like a waste of time given the options already present for hunters. Portions of this seem like they could already be implemented with existing license options.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Phil Matteson

City/Town Cascade

Email Address pkjmatteson@msn.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I oppose the A9 tag bundle. If more elk need to be killed, allow multiple B tags to be purchased. Those that want to kill more elk can operate within that framework. I often by a B tag, but would have no use for a "bundle of elk tags". Please stop making everything more confusing. and expensive.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Allen L Farrington

City/Town Darby
State/Province MT

Email Address Onwal0@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

positive

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name grant godbolt

City/Town whitehall

State/Province MT

Email Address 3gbolts@msn.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I don't support this proposal. Use B tags instead. Keep working with landowners so hunters can access elk that need harvest.

## COMPLETE

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Jacob Dillon

City/Town Billings

State/Province MT

Email Address jdillon.jmds@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I am writing today in partial support of the proposal. While I agree that liberalizing the harvest of elk on private land is a good goal, I'm worried that being too liberal could have unintended consequences. As such, while I support the proposal, I ask that FWP consider limiting the number of tags to 1 rather than 3. This would still allow FWP to assess the effects of liberalized harvest and, if necessary, increase the tag limit if those results are promising.

## COMPLETE

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## Page 1

## Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name David Coy

City/Town Joliet
State/Province MT

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This doesn't address the access issue. Selling more tags to hunters that can't access the animals to pursue seems like a poor decision.

## COMPLETE

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Cecelia Clapham

City/Town Stevensville

State/Province MT

Email Address cecelia.clapham@gmail.com

## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I think having up to three antlerless b tags available over the counter is a better option than a bundle of three. That way hunters that have access to private land and are successful can purchase more or choose to use a bull tag and two cow tags. I think this strategy has worked well for reducing the whitetail population in my area where up to 5 antlerless b tags can be purchased over the counter for archery only, at least where access is available (obviously access to the private land is the bigger issue)

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Rick Miller

City/Town Colstrip

State/Province MT

Email Address grrizzz@q.com

#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Do not support for the reasons listed by FWP.

I'm all for unlimited cow elk hunting on private lands where over-objective, but do not agree with multiple antlerless A9's for a single hunter. Almost without exception waste becomes an issue when overzealous greed becomes acceptable (legal).

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#### Page 1

#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

Name Todd Seymanski

City/Town Great Falls

State/Province MT

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Make ranch specific draw tags. If you draw the tag, that also gives you access to that ranch. its up to the hunter to contact landowner and schedule hunt dates. Kind of like WY

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I would be worried this would make the regulations more complicated. It seems we already have enough tags available to hunt antlerless elk what we need is more access to the elk.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

This is an interesting idea, but I think the proposal is ignoring the actual problem. Sure, elk go to private lands when they get shot on public. But they really go to private lands when there is a legal avenue to shoot all of the cows.

The problem here isn't a lack of tags—it's where those tags are used. If current regulations issue B-tags on public land already, well then no wonder elk are going to private! Instead of making more tags available on private land, why don't we reduce the number of B tags available on public land? The idea is that elk are over objective on private lands. If we don't shoot as many on public, they'll be less inclined to leave it in the first place.

My vote is to make B-tags—the ones already in place—good for private lands only. We don't need to kill more elk, we just need to even the playing field. There is no reason to have people shooting more than one elk on public land. If a person desires more than one elk, a B-tag good for private land only can serve that purpose.

This problem will not be solved by adding more tags to the equation. Let's look at how many tags are already allowed in the system and first make an attempt to redistribute them first. Please consider redirecting existing B-tags so they are only allowed for private lands. I have strong suspicions that this will lead to the public seeing more elk on public land while private landowners who want to see less elk get their desires met as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Corey Hockett

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#### Q1

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## Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

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#### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Good idea.

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#### Q1

Contact info (optional)

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Dear Commissioners, please accept this comment on behalf of Western Watersheds Project, WildEarth Guardians, and Sierra Club for our tens of thousands of members throughout Montana and the West. We are commenting on this recommendation to point out that supporting healthy, robust predator populations including those of wolves and grizzly bears helps to solve some of these problems pointed out here by the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG). This recommendation concerns over-population and the associated disease risk, as well as the "elk damage and financial loss" that occurs on private lands where elk numbers are "far over objective."

As the staff assessment pointed out, the CAG's recommendation to create a A9 tag bundle to solve this issue could cause confusion, could increase violations by hunters, and cause many other issues. A solution for these problems, instead, would be to kill less wolves. It is widely accepted that wolves selectively remove ill and injured prey individuals. Therefore, supporting wolf populations, instead of reducing them at the rates we see today, will help keep elk populations healthy and reduce disease risk and transmission. Additionally, because wolves and grizzlies eat elk, they keep their populations in check, helping with over-population issues cited to here by the CAG.

Not only do wolves keep elk populations healthy, but they keep the land healthy as well. A concern here is the damage done by elk on private lands. However, when wolves are present in healthy numbers and can live naturally, instead of, for example, changing their behavior due to hunting and trapping pressure, they cause ungulate behavior to change in ways that benefit their physical habitat. Elk are less likely to stay in the same areas, causing damage, when their natural predator is present on the landscape at self-regulated levels to keep them moving. In sum, more wolves on the landscape would solve many of these issues.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Objective numbers need to be reviewed and ideally abandoned in favor of the percentage of hunters who harvest a bull on public land.

Selling cow tags valid on public land only seems to be a reasonable step in areas that must reduce elk numbers due to landowner tolerance. The landowners should be prohibited from receiving compensation for allowing A9 tag harvest.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

We are supportive of bringing back the A9 tag. We are not supportive of bundling this unless units are chronically over-objective and demonstrably causing damage to private property. This effort needs to be applied to resident hunters only, with only two A9 tags in play, not three. Limiting this to private land only is a smart step, as well as needed to reduce pressure on public land.

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#### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Excellent idea

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#### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Yes! Totally am in favor.

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#### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support this recommendation.

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Contact info (optional)

#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I strongly disagree with this recommendation. A hunter does not need to harvest 3 cows just for themselves. This questions fair chase. Instead of an A9 bundle, units over objective should eliminate bull elk hunting until the unit is at or under objective. This would force hunters to harvest cows to get the unit to objective. This would also ensure that hunters are not passing up cows to shoot a bull. This A9 bundle also takes away opportunity from other hunters as now one hunter has 3 opportunities at cows. The bundle could also encourage unethical hunting behavior. If a hunter feels more pressure to fill all their cow tags during an opportunity at multiple elk, perhaps they take riskier shots or shoot too many elk while trying to put down three. There is also an access issue to the over objective elk and this proposal does nothing to address that.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

one elk per hunter is enough make it so more people have a chance to harvest an elk

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

While this sounds good on paper I think the idea of the damage hunt has proven that hunters do not wish to hunt cow elk.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Adding tags to over objective units hasn't proven to be effective in the past. We also have numerous B Tags available, IF you can find private land open to hunting.

Again the problem appears to be the elk moving to private inaccessible land not open to hunters. Not the amount of tags available.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

For the A9 tag bundle could this be like a damage hunt where the tags are associated to a land owner? Similar to a land owners kill permit. Also have the A9 drawing date earlier in the year, possibly coincide with Bull permit drawing dates. This would allow for those successful to establish a relationship with the land owner prior to the branding, fencing and hay seasons giving the hunter to earn the confidence and trust of the land owner.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's (RMEF) mission is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife, their habitat and our hunting heritage. We represent more than 225,000 members nationwide and over 14,000 members in Montana. Since its inception in 1984, RMEF has permanently conserved or enhanced more than 8.5 million acres of North America's most vital habitat for elk and other wildlife, including over 900,000 acres in Montana. As such, RMEF has a vested interest in ensuring the sustained productivity of elk and other wildlife in Montana.

RMEF recognizes that targeted harvest opportunities are needed to reduce populations in specific areas on private land. RMEF supports use of new approaches to relieve specific private land areas of over-populated elk. In developing new tools, FWP should consider whether the population is over objective or if it is a matter of artificial/seasonal concentrations of elk. A tag (with more than one harvest opportunity) valid only on private land could help with both over-objective populations and unfortunate concentrations of elk. However, RMEF recommends that this approach be adaptable as harvest and hunting pressure reduce populations or redistribute elk to public land. RMEF recognizes that hunters using this tag may still want an opportunity to harvest a bull; RMEF recommends FWP consider an 'earn a bull' approach packaged with the A9 bundle where a minimum number of harvested cows are required before taking a bull. RMEF recommends that FWP consider additional, complementary tools to ensure access to private land is not an impediment to an A9 tag bundle.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support the A9 tag, but do not support bunding it. It needs to private land only, but also residents only.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

While I think this has merit. I think it will be used improperly. We all know the "over objective" argument is complicated under current situations. I believe the Department needs to address how they count elk prior to implementing this. I'll use district 213 as an example. To say 213 is "over objective" really doesn't paint an accurate picture. There's essentially 3 places where the elk are congregated. The average person doesn't have a high likelihood of harvesting an elk in 213. How would an A9 tag help the average hunter here? I see how it benefits the places where elk congregate but in reality 2 of the 3 landowners don't necessarily care there's too many elk.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Time to reevaluate "objective numbers". Wildlife belong to all the people not a select few, wich needs to be taken in account when establishing "objectives".

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#### Q1

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### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support this proposal.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I support the return of the A9 tag but not the bundling unless it's proven that the specific units are consistently over-objective and clearly causing damage to private property.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

MWF supports bringing back the A9 tag. We oppose bundling this unless units are chronically over-objective and clearly causing damage to private property. This effort needs to be applied to resident hunters only, with only two A9 tags in play, not three. Limiting this to private land only is a smart step and will help reduce pressure on public land.

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Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

More tags doesn't increase success or access to the general public. Manage elk on carrying capacity not social acceptance

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I am against like a nine tag. The problem is is that that hooker on the large private ranch's and they will not allow the public to come shoot the cows. I asked almost 30 different ranchers last winter (by phone) which took a lot of time and only 3 Ranchers were open to me come shooting a cow on their property

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

The Montana Stockgrowers Association supports the implementation of hunting seasons and harvest strategies including but not limited to extended shoulder seasons, liberalized cow tags, disbursement hunts and party hunting which will result in targeted levels of elk harvest being achieved in each district rather than increased objective levels. Based on the agency staff assessment and comments, details around the bundle options may need to be looked into deeper.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

While we support policies that increase access opportunities (consumptive and otherwise) to elk and all other wildlife on public lands in Montana, we question the utility of "objectives" for elk and any other wildlife that are based solely on subjective and unscientific assumptions about tolerance made decades ago. Our understanding of this process was that objectives would be reassessed in drafting the new Elk Management Plan. If FWP and its constituents decide that managing populations solely based upon social carrying capacity is still desirable, the state should commission a scientific survey representative of all Montanans to determine what the true tolerance for elk abundance is amongst its trust beneficiaries under the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. However, we feel that (re)focusing elk management on distribution and mitigating crop depredation over abundance would be a fruitful and mutually beneficial course of action for FWP.

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#### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

Who realistically can use 3 elk in a season?

What is needed is access, not more tags

A better option would be to allow a extra tag to be offered for sale with a successful elk drawing, more elk with less hunters in the field

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### Q1

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#### Q2

Please provide comment on the recommendation to Create A9 Tag Bundle.

I know this probably isn't the right spot to be writing this however I cannot find it and I'm out of time so I would like to voice my opinion on the 410 district for archery and rifle elk hunting you don't need to I would like to see the objective number of elk in this area in the neighborhood of 2700 to 3500 elk.